

**Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting – November 17, 2009**

**Middletown Public Library**

**700 West Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Members Present: Paul LaMond, Chair; Steve Arendt; Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas Sally Gauch; John Grisham; Joyce Morgenthaller; Ellrony Williams.**

**Members Absent: None.**

**Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Heather Huggins; Sue Connor; Jerome Egan; Barbara Camadeco; Arak Bozyan.**

**--Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.**

**--Welcome extended to new trustee Ellrony Williams.**

**--Disposition of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of October 20, 2009 meeting: LaMond. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.**

**--Open call by Chair announcing Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-2, 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) (personnel matters) and**

**42-46-5(a)(2) (collective bargaining or litigation). No discussion re job performance to take place during session.**

**--Motion to enter executive session for the foregoing purposes: Grisham. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.**

**Executive session began at 6:08 P.M.**

**Executive session suspended; open session resumed at 6:30 P.M.**

**--Motion to seal executive session minutes: Grisham. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**Director's report: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information. Motion to accept: Grisham. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**Executive session resumed at 6:57 P.M.**

**Open session resumed at 7:23 P.M.**

**Motion to seal executive session minutes: Arendt. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.**

**Motion to approve executive session minutes of October 20, 2009: Arendt. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.**

## **Committee reports:**

**--Budget:** Steve Arendt reported that the committee met on Nov. 7 to review current budget projections. Discussion re prospective adjustments in light of possible further reductions in town budget, as a consequence of worsening state budget situation.

**--Contract Negotiations:** Appointments left open.

**--Director's Evaluation:** No report.

**--Friends Liaison:** Joyce Morgenthaler reported that the bookstore has raised approximately \$5,000 since May of this year. Merits of a possible Rent-a-Book service discussed, past such program noted.

**--Policy Review:** No report. Library Director Theresa Coish suggested that the committee review and/or adopt policy governing the Library's web page. Web page could be operational by January 1.

Appointments to the Programs/Outreach and Survey Committees deferred. Library's web site touted as a possible survey vehicle, assisting the work of both.

## **Old Business:**

**--Update on A/V area plan.** Discussion re status of project, review of

**designs. It is anticipated that all DVD's, music CD's and similar materials will be in one location, while allowing room for growth. Anticipated completion date between March and April, 2010.**

**--Discussion re layout and location of Young Adult collection.**

**--Finalization of collective bargaining agreement expected over weekend of Nov. 20-22, 2009.**

**New Business:**

**None.**

**Public presentation to, or discussion with the Board:**

**No one asked to address the Board during this portion of the meeting.**

**--Motion to adjourn: Morgenthaler. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John W. Grisham**

**Secretary**